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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K9 TEAMS

1. REFERENCE FAA LETTER OF JULY 30 REGARDING THE LOCATIONS AND UTILIZATION DATA ON THE EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K9 TEAMS CURRENTLY OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF 24 MAJOR AIRPORTS IN THE U.S. WHICH WAS FORWARDED VIA DEPT ON JULY 30 TO RICHARD JACKSON OF EMBASSY STAFF.

2. A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH A FAA REPRESENTATIVE WHO JUST RETURNED FROM ATHENS INDICATES THAT GOG MAY HAVE THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THE USE OF EXPLOSIVE DETECTION K9 TEAMS TO SEARCH BAGGAGE AS PROPOSED BY TWA IS A NEW, EXPERIMENTAL CONCEPT. THIS IS INCORRECT. AS INDICATED IN THE REFERENCE LETTER AND ENCLOSURES, THE TEAMS ARE EVALUATED AND USED IN VARIOUS OPERATIONAL MODES INCLUDING THE SEARCH OF ALL TYPES OF BAGGAGE AND CARGO.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE 34 TEST EXERCISES INVOLVING THE
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SEARCH OF BAGGAGE WHICH VERIFY THE CAPABILITIES OF THE TEAMS

IN THIS FUNCTION, THE K9 TEAMS HAVE PERFORMED IN THIS TYPE
SEARCH IN ACTUAL OPERATIONS AS WELL. FAA RECORDS
SPECIFICALLY CITE 94 INCIDENTS WHERE THE TEAMS HAVE PERFORM-
ED SUCCESSFUL BAGGAGE SEARCHES SIMILAR TO THE OPERATION

PROPOSED BY TWA.

4. FAA BELIEVES THAT THIS ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTED OPERA-
TIONAL EXPERIENCE DATA MIGHT BE USEFUL TO EMBASSY IN
DISPELLING ANY NOTION GOG MIGHT HAVE REGARDING THE
"EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF THIS PROPOSAL." KISSINGER

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